

REMARKS

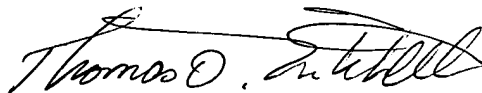
Claims 9-12, 15-18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-28, 30 and 31 are pending in this application. Claims 9-12, 15, 16, 26-28, 30 and 31 were allowed and claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 were rejected.

Please cancel Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 24.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application and all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully request such allowance.

Should any fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 19-0615 (57.0291US/PCT).

Respectfully submitted,



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